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SUBJECT:GREEK NEWSPAPER ALLEGES U.S. GAVE ACTIVE SUPPORT TO TURKS  
DURING AUGUST INVASION OF CYPRUS

1. GREEK AFTERNOON NEWSPAPER TA NEA FEBRUARY 27 ALLEGED IN  
FRONT PAGE STORY FILED BY ITS WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT THAT  
US HAD ACTIVELY SUPPORTED TURKISH INVASION OF CYPRUS LAST  
AUGUST. STORY ASSERTED SOME SEVEN HUNDRED AMERICAN TOURISTS  
HAD ARRIVED IN CYPRUS DURING TWO MONTH PERIOD PRECEDING  
TURKISH INVASION (THE MAJORITY YOUNG MALES OF GREEK ORIGIN)  
CAUSING AT LEAST SOME SUSPICION ON PART OF GOC AS TO THEIR  
BONA FIDES AS TOURISTS. STORY STATED THAT SUBSEQUENTLY ARMED  
AMERICAN SPECIALISTS (AT LEAST TWO OF WHOM WERE WOUNDED)  
ASSISTED TURKISH HELICOPTERS TO LAND IN KYRENIA AREA THROUGH  
AID OF SPECIAL EQUIPMENT. STORY FURTHER ALLEGED THAT A  
U.S. SHIP HAS ALSO AFFORDED SUPPORT FROM SEA THROUGH ITS  
"RADIO NAVIGATION EQUIPMENT". STORY ASSERTED THAT AVAILABLE  
INFORMATION LED TO CONCLUSION THAT A JOINT US/UK/TURKISH  
PLAN HAD BEEN APPLIED DURING JULY AND AUGUST WHEREBY THE  
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BRITISH WOULD SUPPORT TURKISH ACTIVITIES FROM A POSITION

EAST OF KYRENIA WHILE THE AMERICAN SPECIALISTS WOULD OFFER  
ASSISTANCE FROM AN AREA WEST OF KYRENIA.

2. PAO EMBASSY NICOSIA ADVISES THAT TA NEA STORY REPEATED  
WIDELY IN MORNING CYPRIOT PRESS AND THAT EMBASSY HAS ISSUED  
STATEMENT CATEGORIZING STORY AS "COMPLETELY FALACIOUS AND  
MALEVOLENT." WHILE WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED ANY QUERIES TO DATE  
ON TA NEA STORY, EMBASSY INTENDS TO DENY STORY  
CATEGORICALLY AND REFER TO EMBASSY NICOSIA STATEMENT.  
SINCE STORY HAD ORIGIN IN WASHINGTON, WE BELIEVE DEPARTMENTAL  
SPOKESMAN MIGHT WISH UTILIZE NOON BRIEFING TO KNOCK DOWN STORY  
COMPLETELY.  
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